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## Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 7:40 PM

Nicholas Greif <nicholas.greif@lacity.org>  
 To: Sylvie Martinez <svlvie.martinez@lacity.org>, Yena Ji <yena.ji@lacity.org>  
 Cc: Matt ~~national.org~~, Tran Le <tran.le@lacity.org>

Sylvie or Yena, can one of you submit Matt's car information tonight or first thing tomorrow to P2 parking?

As well as Julia Murray in a silver Mercedes C250 sedan, license plate unknown so far.

Matt, see attached for parking directions. Call [213.473.7004](tel:2134737004) tomorrow morning if you have any trouble. Tran (CCed) who staffs the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee for the Councilmember will be meeting with you and Julia tomorrow and is looking forward to getting your thoughts.

Best,  
 Nick

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On Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 4:25 PM, Mat

 wrote:

Hi Nicholas,

Sorry for the late reply.

I (Matt Rossell) will be driving a ?

Julia Murray will be driving a ?  
 I am going to check her license plate number when she gets off work if it is OK for me to send along later tonight?

Looking forward!

Matt

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Matt

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**From:** Nicholas Greif [mailto:[nicholas.greif@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 5:20 PM

**To:** Matt I

**Subject:** Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

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On Fri, Jan 15, 2016 at 5:08 PM, Matt

> wrote:

Ok, can I get that to you on Tues?

**From:** Nicholas Greif [mailto:[nicholas.greif@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 5:07 PM

**To:** Matt

**Cc:** Justin Orenstein; Tran Le; Julia

**Subject:** Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Sure. I just need driver name, vehicle make/model, and license plate number for anyone driving here and then I can arrange parking.

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On Fri, Jan 15, 2016 at 4:54 PM, Matt !

 wrote:

Great Nick, looking forward to it. Yes, if you could give me access for parking I would appreciate it.

See you then,

Matt

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**From:** Nicholas Greif [mailto:[nicholas.greif@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org)]

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 4:52 PM

**To:** Matt ^ "

**Cc:** Justin Orenstein; Tran Le; Julia

**Subject:** Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Matt,

That works. Let me know if you guys need parking.

Either Tran or myself will be able to meet.

Best,

Nick

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On Fri, Jan 15, 2016 at 4:41 PM, Matt

 wrote:

Hi Nick, Tran,

Would 10am next Thursday work in your offices? I will be joined by Julia Murray Portugal, a friend of ADI and local animal advocate.

Have a nice weekend,

Matt

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**From:** Nicholas Greif [mailto:[nicholas.greif@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 4:15 PM  
**To:** Matt R  
**Cc:** Justin Orenstein; Tran Le; Patricia r; Heather t  
**Subject:** Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Matt,

Before noon that day would work for us.

--Nick

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On Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 3:57 PM, Matt

 wrote:

Hi Justin, thanks for getting right back and nice to "meet" you both. I am available anytime next Thursday and if you suggest a time that works for your office, I will circle back to see who else can join me at that time.

Best wishes,

Matt

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**From:** Justin Orenstein [mailto:[justin.orenstein@lacity.org](mailto:justin.orenstein@lacity.org)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 3:53 PM  
**To:** Matt R; Tran Le r  
**Cc:** [nicholas.greif@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org); Patricia t; Heather eather  
**Subject:** Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Hi Matt,

Thank you for reaching out. I'm looping in Tran Le from our office who will be heading up Animal Welfare for the Councilmember.

How does next Thursday the 21st look on your end?

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Best,

Justin

On Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 3:46 PM, Matt

wrote:

Dear Councilman Ryu, Mr. Orenstein, Mr. Greif,

I am following up on a meeting request sent before the holidays to discuss the public safety and humane issue of exotic animals coming into Los Angeles. On behalf of [Animal Defenders International \(ADI\)](#) and our supporters, we thank you for taking up this important issue.

ADI campaigns across the globe on animals in entertainment, providing technical advice to governments, securing progressive animal protection legislation, drafting regulations and rescuing animals in distress.

**We would like to set up a meeting in your office along with a couple of concerned residents to present you with our evidence and find out what we can do to help your efforts.**

I have attached again here for your convenience the performing exotic/wild animal ordinance that was adopted in San Francisco which could be a good model for Los Angeles.

Looking forward to helping to get this done for Angelenos and the animals.

Sincerely,

Matt

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**From:** Matt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** 'justin.orenstein@lacity.org'  
**Cc:** Patricia  
**Subject:** Ban on exotic animals in Los Angeles

Dear Councilman Ryu, Mr. Orenstein,

I am writing to follow up on a conversation you had recently with a Los Angeles animal advocate, Patty Shenker, where you discussed a possible ordinance to address the problem of wild and exotic animals brought to parties in Los Angeles. Patty is a friend and a supporter of the organization I work for, [Animal Defenders International \(ADI\)](#). At your convenience, I would love the opportunity to discuss this and ADI's humane/public safety concerns and evidence to support such a measure.

ADI campaigns across the globe on animals in entertainment, providing technical advice to governments, securing progressive animal protection legislation, drafting regulations and rescuing animals in distress. ADI has a worldwide reputation for providing video and photographic evidence exposing the behind-the-scenes suffering in industry and supporting this evidence with scientific research on captive wildlife and transport.

As you may be aware, San Francisco recently passed a very strong ordinance prohibiting the performance of wild animals, providing a good model for Los Angeles. I have attached the language here. Thirty nations have passed similar nationwide bans and more than 50 jurisdictions across the US have some form of protection for exotic animals in entertainment.

We have drafted a proposal with California Legislative Counsel and are looking for a sponsor. The draft language is [linked here](#). Our work in the US includes ongoing campaigns at the national, state, and local level. We are working to reintroduce [TEAPA](#) (the *Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act*), which website contains additional data and information to support that is [provided here](#). We have ongoing state campaigns in Hawaii, New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, among others, and local efforts across the country. We have worked at length with Sen. Daylin Leach on PA S698 and in Hawaii on legislative and administrative efforts, among others. Hawaii appears very close to being the first US state to ban the use of wild animals in circuses. We also worked with local campaigners in Arkansas, California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana and other states on recently passed local ordinances. We include [here for your reference](#) the TEAPA language; and language introduced in CA, NY, and PA; as well as the NYC Bar's analysis and recommendations supporting such measures.

ADI is [now also in Peru and Colombia rescuing & rehoming animals](#) after our campaigns succeeded there in achieving nationwide bans on wild animal acts. (Many of these animals have been rehomed in-country, but [33 lions](#) will be [airlifted later soon to sanctuary in Africa](#).) Most recently, we assisted the Colombian government in drafting its implementing regulations for their nationwide ban on wild animal acts.

ADI would be very interested to meet with you at your convenience in the upcoming weeks/months to provide additional data and get your take on this issue. As I am sure you are well aware, there is enormous support in Los Angeles for such a measure and we look forward to the possibility to discuss this with you.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Matt

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